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SUBJECT: 31ST UNGA: FOURTH COMMITTEE: ITEM 25: AMERICAN SAMOA
AND GUAM

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTTEL, MISSION OFFICER INFORMED
AUSTRALIAN MISSION OFFICER FORRESTER THAT WE WOULD BE
PLEASED TO HAVE ASEAN PLUS GROUP COOPERATION IN RESOLUTION
ON GUAM AND AMERICAN SAMOA. FORRESTER LATER TOLD
US THAT THE OPERATION IS ON TRACK AND PROVIDED US WITH
COPIES OF WORKING PAPERS ON AMERICAN SAMOA AND GUAM
WHICH HE IS CIRCULATING TO THE ASEAN PLUS GROUP.

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2. THE GUAM WORKING PAPER FOLLOWS OUR OWN DRAFT WITH

THE EXCEPTION OF A NON-SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE IN PREAMBULAR PARA 6 AND OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 5 WHICH NOW READS: "CALLS UPON THE ADMINISTERING POWER TO ENSURE THAT ITS MILITARY BASES ON GUAM WILL NOT BE AN INHIBITING FACTOR IN PERMITTING THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION 1514 (XV) AS WELL AS THE PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARTER;"

3. THE WORKING PAPER ON AMERICAN SAMOA IS VIRTUALLY THE SAME AS OUR DRAFT.

4. FORRESTER EXPRESSED REGRET THAT THE US WOULD NOT MAKE A SHORT STATEMENT ON THE THREE US NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES, WHICH, HE SAID, MIGHT GIVE THE APPEARANCE OF GREATER COOPERATION WITH THE COMMITTEE AND PROVIDE MANY MEMBERS OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE WITH SOME USEFUL INFORMATION. HE ALSO WONDERED WHY WE COULD NOT SUPPORT A CONSENSUS ON A RESOLUTION AS INNOCUOUS AS THAT ON AMERICAN SAMOA (OR THE US VIRGIN ISLANDS).

5. MISSION OFFICER PROMISED TO REPORT HIS VIEWS AND EXPLAINED THAT OUR ABSTENTION ON THE AMERICAN SAMOA (AND THE US VIRGIN ISLANDS) RESOLUTION WOULD BE BASED ON THE REAFFIRMATION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE TO "SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENT," A FORMULATION WE DO NOT ACCEPT, AND ON THE CALL FOR A VISITING MISSION, WHICH WE REGARD AS A VOLUNTARY STEP WE ARE NOT AT THE MOMENT PREPARED TO TAKE.

6. COMMENT: CONCERNING A BRIEF STATEMENT, WE HAVE TAKEN THE VIEW THAT THE LOWER OUR PROFILE THE BETTER, AND THAT A STATEMENT MIGHT FOCUS UNHELPFUL ATTENTION ON THE US TERRITORIES, IN GENERAL, GUAM, IN PARTICULAR, AND PUERTO RICO AND THE TRUST TERRITORY. THE SMALL TERRITORIES' DEBATE IN THE FOURTH COMMITTEE IS PROCEEDING IN ITS USUAL CONFUSED FASHION BUT IS SCHEDULED TO BE SOMEWHAT SHORTER THIS YEAR, WHICH REINFORCES OUR PREDILECTION. ON THE OTHER HAND, A MODEST CASE COULD BE MADE FOR ADOPTING A CONFIDENTIAL

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STANCE IN THE FOURTH COMMITTEE SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE OTHER ADMINISTERING AUTHORITIES AND MAKING A BRIEF STATEMENT SUMMARIZING AND UPDATING THE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE COMMITTEE OF 24. SCRANTON

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